

REMARKS

Claims 1-98 are pending in the present reissue application. Claims 1-7 were previously allowed and are not being amended by way of this preliminary amendment. Claims 8-98 are new claims being submitted for examination in this reissue application. Support for the new claims can be found in the accompanying document entitled STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CLAIMS.

The specification is being amended to correct minor self-evident errors. No new matter is being added by way of this amendment.

It is believed that original patent U.S. Patent 5,912,925 is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid because the patentee claimed less than he had a right to claim in the patent. Hence, this is a broadening reissue application in view of newly added claims 8-98.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at (781) 861-6240.

Respectfully submitted,

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